

February 1, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Proverbs 19:21, 23)** Pastor John

Pastor: Many are the plans in a person's heart,

People: But it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Pastor: The fear of the Lord leads to life;

People: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

***Apostles Creed** Pam Domer

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

On the third day, He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace Pam Domer

***Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 62

***Prayer of Assurance** Pam Domer

Eternal and Ever-present God, when our faith waivers, you are always there to bolster our state of mind by assuring us of the promise you have for those who believe. Give us hope as you strengthen our resolve to avoid life's temptations and to commit ourselves totally and completely to you, always and everywhere. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

God of Infinite and Incomprehensible Grace, we bow before you, shamed by our sinfulness, but inspired by your mercy. You sent your only Son to atone for our sins, and He willingly bore the scourge of the crucifixion so that He could rise in glory and conquer the evil in this world. We now take this time to confess our sins and humbly ask for your forgiveness. In Your Compassionate Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Jeremiah 32:17-19 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Ephesians 2:1-5 Pam Domer

Scripture 3 Ephesians 2:6-10 Pam Domer

Scripture 4 Romans 8:26-28 Pastor John

Response

Pastor: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word!

People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 452

***Anthem** "Create in Me" Chancel Choir

Message "Our Purposeful Purpose" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings** Pastor John

***Hymn** "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" No. 129

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Welcoming New Members

We will welcome seven new members to the Oak Chapel Family during our worship service next Sunday. If you have been thinking about membership, it's not too late to join. Just let Pastor John or Elizabeth Feldman know.

Sub Sandwich Sale

UWF will sponsor a sub sale on February 8. Please see the insert to pre-order. In honor of the Super Bowl, we encourage everyone to bring a can of soup for our pantry.

Ash Wednesday Service

The Lenten season will begin with our Annual Ash Wednesday Service on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we prepare for the 40-day journey leading up to the Lord's glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Looking Ahead

Our next Mission Barn Trip will take place on Wednesday, February 25. We will leave at 8 a.m. and return at about 5 p.m. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Ida Sue School will take place on Friday, March 27. And our annual Lifeline Ministries Project, in which we pack simple meals for those in need, will take place in June. Mark your calendars.

Bible Study Continues

Monday morning Bible Study continues tomorrow with an examination of the Book of Joshua. We meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. each week. All are welcome!

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study at the Boyer home (3595 Kister Road – just off of Route 226 South) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We begin with a nice meal and then study Scripture as it relates to our current journey in life. All men are welcome.



Praises and Prayers

God of Power and Might, the recent winter storm reminds us once again of your dominion over all of creation. Hear our voices as we express our gratitude through the following praises and our concern through the following prayers. In your Mighty and Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For Sandy Hower, who has returned home from the hospital
- *For Tina Braucher, who is also home after being hospitalized
- *For Rev. Jim Pfander and his message on January 18
- *For Steve Moore and his message at New Pittsburg on Jan. 18
- *For the visit to Karen Cantrell by her daughter and family
- *For the gift of patience in times of adversity
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For the blessings of answered prayer
- *For the commitment of our prayer warriors
- *For health and healing
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- *For visitation by family and friends
- *For safe passage for those who travel

Prayers

- *For Miriam Zech’s brother, Ed, who suffered a heart attack
- *For Rosie Troutman’s brother and sister with health issues
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles
- *For the shooting victims in our nation and around the world

Welcome Team

Please sign up to be a greeter in 2026. Your shining smile will tell others that we are glad they are here. A clipboard is in the Narthex for you to choose your preferred month.

Last Week’s Attendance:..... 0 in person..... 93 online
Last Week..... Canceled due to cold and snow Brrrrr!

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 2/1	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 2/2	Art and Soul	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 2/3	Retiree’s Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/4	Men’ Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/8	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 2/9	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art & Soul	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 2/10	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/11	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Acorn Society

Ladies will meet at Muddy’s Restaurant, 335 E Liberty St, at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11. Please indicate on your attendance sheet if you are planning to attend.

Book of Affirmation

The Book of Life is referenced in several passages of Scripture, most notably in the Book of Revelation. Those whose names are listed in this Book are assured of an eternal home in God’s Heavenly Kingdom. At Oak Chapel, we have created a Book of Affirmation, in which we can place our signature to boldly proclaim our faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Please consider entering your name in this book as a sign of your unconditional and everlasting faith. This red book and is located in the Narthex.

Upcoming Worship Services

February 8.....	Let’s Make a Deal
February 15	Clean Slate
February 22.....	Rising from the Ashes

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



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Today’s Message
“Our Purposeful Purpose”

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